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## COMPROMISE ON SUFFRAGE

Effort to Induce the British  
Government to Come to  
an Agreement

MOVEMENT HAS  
GAINED HEADWAY

Constitutional Suffragist Leaders Convinced That Suppression of Militants Offers Only Hope of Securing Parliamentary Suffrage.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—An effort is being made to induce the British government to come to an agreement with suffrage on the basis of a measure for the enfranchisement of women through the means of a section of the program of the dominant Liberal party. Some suffragist leaders admit that the movement has gained considerable headway. It is known that the government considers only a compromise based on the unqualified repudiation of the woman's social and political union and its militant methods. The constitutional suffragist leaders are declared to have become convinced the suppression of the militants offers the only hope for securing parliamentary suffrage.

GEN. FELIX DIAZ  
STABBED IN HAVANA

Two Wounds in Neck But Condition  
Not Serious—His Assassin Shot  
With Revolver.

HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 7.—Gen. Felix Diaz was wounded in an altercation which occurred in the Malecon promenade here last night. He was stabbed twice, being wounded behind the ear and in the neck.

He also was beaten with canes. Gen. Diaz, with Cecilio Ocan, a fellow-fugitive from Mexico, and Luis Mada, were listening to a band concert in the Malecon, when a group of Mexicans, among them a young Mexican, Pedro Guerrero, passed the Diaz party. Diaz is said to have made some unpleasant remarks about the followers of Carranza, whereupon Guerrero went to the sea wall, where other Mexicans were seated, and informed them of Diaz's alleged insult.

The entire group came back to where Diaz and his friends were conversing and hot words were exchanged. Guerrero sprang at Diaz with a knife, wounding him. The two struggled for a moment together, when a policeman seized Guerrero by the shoulders. Someone drew a revolver and fired; the bullet struck Guerrero. Diaz was taken to a hospital, but it was found that his wounds were superficial. Guerrero is seriously wounded. The entire party was arrested.

Gen. Felix Diaz made his escape from Mexican soil on Oct. 27, taking refuge on board the United States gunboat, Wheeling at Vera Cruz. He was transferred to the Louisiana, and then from there to the battleship Michigan, later being put aboard the steamer Esperanza, which reached Havana on Monday last. As long ago as Oct. 15 the Cuban government was warned that a band of Mexican conspirators were planning to kill Diaz, who was then on his way from Europe to Mexico. The Cuban government took precautionary measures and Diaz was closely guarded when he landed at Havana on his homeward voyage.

After having his neck dressed Gen. Diaz was asked about the circumstances of the assault. He said that while he was listening to the band the electric lights were suddenly extinguished and he was attacked. He was unable to account for what happened afterwards. He was greatly depressed by the occurrence, which he declared was unexpected.

HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 7.—Gen. Felix Diaz was arrested here today, accused of shooting Pedro Guerrero, the young Mexican who was wounded by a revolver bullet during last night's altercation, in the course of which Gen. Diaz was slightly wounded. Diaz is said to have handed his revolver to a companion after the shooting. Guerrero is seriously wounded. He is the man who stabbed Diaz, according to the authorities.

American corn is driving out rice in the Philippines as a staple article of food, was the statement made recently by United States Commissioner of Education Claxton.

## LOCAL DOCTORS ON WITNESS STAND IN TRIAL OF FOSTER

Those Who Attended Him  
Night of Shooting Testified  
in Court Today—Slight  
Concussion of the Brain

WHAT MRS. CUMMING  
TOLD DR. ANDERSON

When Physician Was at the  
Foster House After Prouty  
Had Been Shot—Foster  
Went to Meet Prouty

(Special to The Reformer.)

NEWFANE, Nov. 7.—Testimony of Brattleboro doctors who attended Lou A. Foster the night he shot his neighbor, Ozzie Prouty, occupied the attention of county court a greater part of the morning. Most of this testimony had to do with Foster's condition on that occasion and how he might have received the injuries.

The state rested its case at 1:35 yesterday afternoon, reserving the right to call Dr. G. R. Anderson, who was put on the stand a little before noon today to tell about what Mrs. Cumming, Foster's housekeeper, had said to him when he was at the Foster farm a few hours after Prouty had been killed.

It is expected that the respondent himself will take the stand before today's session is completed.

Dr. Harry P. Green testified that he had attended Foster on previous occasions and that he saw him in the office of Dr. G. H. Hunter the night of the shooting. The respondent's left eye was badly swollen and discolored, being completely closed, and the swelling extended upward on the forehead about two inches and the same distance out on the cheek. In the opinion of Dr. Green more than one blow would have been necessary to cause the bruise. He said that Foster couldn't walk straight and that his mental condition was befogged and his pulse accelerated. The respondent then stood up and showed the jury a mark on his right arm which Dr. Green said might have been made by finger nails. On cross examination by Attorney General Brown Dr. Green admitted that he hadn't noticed the scratch the night that he examined Foster for marks of injury. In the opinion of the

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doctor the knowledge that Foster had shot and killed a neighbor and had afterward taken the ride he did might have accounted for his nervous condition and his accelerated pulse.

Dr. F. H. O'Connor, who also examined Foster the night he was brought to Brattleboro, corroborated the testimony of Dr. Green and told of tests which showed the respondent's dazed condition.

Dr. W. H. Lane said that Foster had complained of nausea and headache and that in his opinion the man had received a slight concussion of the brain. On cross examination Dr. Lane said the concussion was ordinarily severe and that its effect would be felt immediately after receiving the blow. The attorney general then asked the witness if, assuming that Foster went to the barn in the dark, bridled his horse and made the ride that he did, the doctor's opinion as to the concussion would be changed and Dr. Lane replied that it would.

Dr. G. B. Hunter told of seeing Foster in his office and afterward going to Newfane with him and remaining over night. He said Foster at first appeared so much like a drunken man that the doctor inquired if he had been drinking. He thought Foster received a slight concussion of the brain but that it wouldn't have prevented him doing what he said he did. In the opinion of Dr. Hunter, there was nothing about the bruise on Foster's eye to indicate that it might have been made by a blow of a fist although it might have been made by a blunt instrument.

George C. Warren of Marlboro, who had been employed by both Foster and Prouty, said he had once heard Prouty say that he would lay Foster out during the deer season if Foster didn't lay him out. The witness had told this to Foster.

Merritt Fisher, recalled, gave testimony in regard to an attempt on the part of Prouty to buy a spring which furnished Foster with water.

On Fisher said he had heard Prouty say to Foster that he would "seek it right to him," also that Foster was State's Attorney Barber's "chief adviser" and the state's chief witness in the deer case.

Arthur Phelps of Guilford had heard Prouty call Foster names, some of which were repeated to the jury. Deputy Sheriff F. L. Wellman exhibited a bag which he had found in Prouty's wagon and testified that none of the wagon stakes were loose.

Stephen Merrifield, Lester Hill and Mrs. Roxanna Hill were put on the stand but their testimony was excluded.

Mrs. Mabel Cumming was again recalled and asked by Mr. Gibson about statements she had given on previous occasions when she said that she had heard Foster say that he was going to let the law deal with Prouty and that he (Foster) wasn't looking for a fight.

Dr. G. R. Anderson, recalled by the state, was asked to read a statement which Mrs. Cumming had made to him the night of the shooting. The statement itself was excluded but by questions the attorney general elicited the information that Mrs. Cumming had told the doctor that Foster was furious after Prouty went by the first time and that he was awaiting Prouty's return and went out when he heard the wagon approaching. Mrs. Cumming also told the doctor that Foster always went armed.

The defense certainly made haste slowly during its opening yesterday afternoon. There were frequent delays because calling witnesses, numerous conferences between counsel and the judge, and the frequent adjournments before the presiding judge to argue questions pertaining to the admissibility of evidence. At the close of the afternoon the defense had examined 13 witnesses whose testimony pertained in large part to Prouty's reputation for violence.

When court convened at 1:30 after the noon recess the state put on the stand Mrs. Edith Farr Allen of Brattleboro, who identified testimony she had taken at the inquest. Then the prosecution rested, reserving the right to call Dr. G. R. Anderson later.

house, had been ordered to let nobody into the Foster house.

Bert Whittemore of Guilford testified that he knew Ozzie Prouty and once had a fight with him at a ball game.

Hosea Fisher, recalled, testified that he once heard Prouty say that if Foster didn't stop sneaking around his house he would fill him full of lead.

Clarence Bliss, who worked for Prouty on the day of the shooting, had heard Prouty say in regard to Foster that he would "seek it right to him." The witness saw Foster go by about 6:45 that night on his way to the home of Constable Warden. He said Foster was riding fast and didn't speak to him.

Mrs. Minerva Bliss, recalled, said she knew that Foster usually carried a revolver, had seen him shoot, knew he was a good shot with either hand and that he had practiced frequently with his revolver. She had never seen the respondent have a ride.

Hosea Fisher, again recalled, remembered that Prouty and one Grover had trouble over a croquet game 11 years ago.

O. J. Hale of Halifax testified that on one occasion he had advised Sidney Coleman not to go up to Foster's for the purpose of tarring and feathering him.

Charles Lynde of Guilford had once been asked by Ozzie Prouty to assist in applying a coat of tar and feathers to Foster; at another time, the witness said, Prouty had said that the law was the only thing that kept Foster on earth.

Mrs. George LaPlante of Halifax said that Prouty had once said to her: "Foster thinks himself pretty smart, but if I can get him just where I want him there won't be any Foster."

Leon Bentley, who is employed by F. W. Childs and said he went to school with Foster at Troy Conference academy, testified that Foster came to the home of Major Childs the night of the shooting in company with Constable Warden, that Foster's eye was badly swollen and black and that he had to be helped into the automobile by W. B. Houghton, who carried him to Brattleboro.

Mrs. H. L. Nichols of West Guilford testified that her son, Walter Nichols, had known Foster and visited him occasionally. She was not allowed to testify in regard to conversation she had had with her son in regard to what Foster had told him about Prouty. Court adjourned at 4:35.

DENIES RIGHT OF  
THE UNITED STATES

Huerta's Formal Negative Reply Discussed in Detail at a Meeting of Cabinet.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 7.—Provisional President Huerta's formal negative reply to the demands of the United States, which was discussed in detail at last night's cabinet meeting, will set forth a denial of any right, legal or otherwise, by the United States to demand Huerta's elimination, according to a statement emanating from one of the departments of the Mexican government. John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, arrived here this morning from Vera Cruz. It is believed that he has come with a purpose of conducting at close range the negotiations between the United States and Mexico, although he has declined to make any statement since his arrival.

RUTLAND GIRL TOOK POISON.

RUTLAND, Nov. 7.—Poison seems likely to force the short concluding chapter of another life story, though the physician held out some hope for the recovery of Miss Bella C. Abbott, 17, daughter of L. E. Abbott of 4 City park, who says she took one and one-half deadly tablets yesterday, while in a state of remorse and despondency. The motive for the deed, as given by the girl herself, was remorse at her recent flight from the home of her parents in company with Russell Chaisson, 19, years old, and his failure to return and make her his wife. The two young people, about six weeks ago, disappeared from the city and last week the girl returned to her home alone.

She said she and Chaisson had parted and were not married. She would not tell where the young man could be found, but it is said that last week he was in Boston.

CROWDS AT CORN SHOW.

Gov. Fletcher Among Speakers on Second Day at Windsor.

WINDSOR, Vt., Nov. 7.—Large crowds and splendid weather marked the second day of the third annual state corn show, which will close today. The speakers yesterday were Miss Bertha Terrill of Burlington, on Home Economics; Hon. E. S. Brigham, state commissioner of agriculture; Miss Marshall of Burlington, who spoke up on the topic of Dressmaking, and Prof. C. F. Hartley, the corn expert of the department of agriculture at Washington. In the afternoon Gov. Allen M. Fletcher made an address.

Unsettled Conditions, Probably Rain in Vermont Saturday.

PECULIAR THINGS  
IN KINGSLEY CASE

Whittingham Man Unable to Explain  
His Week's Absence—May Be  
Developments.

Drs. F. H. O'Connor and J. B. Hunter with Deputy Sheriff Earl Davis went to Whittingham yesterday and examined Arthur Kingsley, the farmer who returned early yesterday morning to his home after an absence of a week which he claims to be unable to explain.

The physicians found him in a partially dazed condition undoubtedly as the result of drugs, but are confident that he will recover. He was able to walk, although unsteadily.

The most peculiar feature appears to be that Kingsley returned home wearing a pair of new flannel lined undershirts, where he had worn no underclothing when he left his home and never owned such a set of heavy flannel shirts. Also he had about \$250 with him in change, which was within a dollar of the amount he had when he left.

Kingsley told the physicians that he could not remember of having eaten or drunk anything from the time he left his home until he returned. The physicians are confident that he did not have a meal to eat or a drink to drink during that time but must have been taken there by someone.

He is in a very nervous condition, has a hard cold and coughs considerably, but his clothing shows no indication that he has been out of doors much of the time during his absence. His pulse was slow yesterday, but his temperature was normal and aside from weakness and his dazed mental condition he appeared to be all right.

It appears to be the general belief that enough information has been obtained by the authorities to stir up matters in the Deerfield valley.

STRANGER MADE  
TRACKS RAPIDLY

Thought Newspaperman Was Detective  
and Paused Not on Order of His  
Going—Amusing Incident.

A newspaperman was vinding his weary way homeward a little after 11 o'clock last night. As he neared the corner of his street a tall man wearing a long dark overcoat stepped from the shadow of a tree and moved along the sidewalk.

He crossed the street diagonally and when he reached the other sidewalk stopped. He spoke to the newspaperman, who, not understanding what he said, asked him to repeat.

"I thought you were a detective," said the stranger.

The newspaperman, believing the other to be one of his neighbors who had recognized him, replied: "I am," and started across the street.

The stranger paused not upon the order of his going, and at the rate he was traveling when last the newspaperman saw him he should have been in Boston at 8:12 this morning.

MARINES TO GO SOUTH.

Orders Received at Portsmouth Navy Yard from Washington.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Nov. 7.—Two hundred marines from the local navy yard were prepared to start today at any moment for service in a southern climate. Orders were received last night from Washington to have the men ready within 48 hours. Preparations were completed today and the marines are awaiting further orders.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—No orders concerning the movement of the marines at the Charlestown navy yard, where several companies are always ready for service, had been received at noon today. It is stated here that a plan originated some time ago for the practice mobilization of the marines on the island of Cuba, near Porto Rico, might be maturing. This is said to be planned with the idea of determining how quickly the naval guards could be brought together if necessary.

IN HALLOWEEN SHOOTING.

DeWitt Ballard of Castleton Indicted for Manslaughter.

RUTLAND, Nov. 7.—The grand jury which Thursday began the consideration of the case of DeWitt Ballard of Castleton, who on Oct. 31 fatally wounded with a revolver Thomas F. Leahy of West Rutland while the latter with other boys was celebrating Halloween near the respondent's house, reported at Rutland county court yesterday afternoon that they had found an indictment for manslaughter against Ballard. Ballard will be tried during the present term of court.

SEVEN BOYS ESCAPE.

Climbed Out of Window at Parental School Last Night.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—Seven boys, taking advantage of the momentary absence of the master from their room, escaped from the West Roxbury parental school last night. They climbed out of a window and obtained such a start before the alarm was given that they could not be found.

TO-NIGHT.

Red Men's ball. The degree of Pocahontas will kindle a special council fire for the purpose of rehearsal.

## MARTIAL LAW NOT DECLARED

Troops, However, to Remain  
in Indianapolis as Long  
as Trouble Exists

NO DEMONSTRATIONS  
AGAINST MILITIA TODAY

Street Car Officials Ready to Resume  
Operation of Cars as Soon as They  
Are Assured Protection from Strikers  
and Sympathizers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 7.—The city will not be placed under martial law at present, but the state militia will remain in the city as long as possibility of trouble exists. Everything was quiet on the streets this morning. No demonstration of consequence was made against the troops. Last night the street railroad officials asserted they were ready to resume operation of the street cars as soon as they were assured of protection from the strikers and their sympathizers.

NOTED SURGEON DIED  
TODAY IN BROOKLINE

Dr. Charles McBurney Was Known  
Among His Colleagues as the Father  
of Appendicitis.

BROOKLINE, Mass., Nov. 7.—Dr. Charles McBurney, one of New York's most eminent surgeons, died today in the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Schlessinger. He had been in ill health several years, and had not engaged in active practice recently. Dr. McBurney, who made his home in Stockbridge, returned last Saturday from a hunting trip in Maine, and spent at the home of his sister. He attended to some business affairs yesterday and was then taken ill and died early this morning.

Dr. McBurney was known among his colleagues as the father of appendicitis, because of his discoveries which had established a means of diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

When President McKinley was shot in Buffalo in 1901 Dr. McBurney was called from Stockbridge as a consulting surgeon in the case.

FOUR CRUSHED IN  
AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Seven-Passenger Machine Overturned  
When It Ran Into Smaller Car  
in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 7.—A seven-passenger automobile packed with men and women ran into a smaller machine early today and overturned, crushing to death four of the occupants. Some of the others were badly injured. The occupants of the smaller car escaped serious injury.

PASSUMPSIC COMPANY UP.

Affairs Laid Before Vermont Public Service Commission.

MONTPELIER, Nov. 7.—The affairs of the Passumpsic Telephone company of Newport, within whose territory originated the complaint that resulted in the present inquiry before the public service commission, were spread out yesterday before the commission at the 18th day of the hearing.

This company was organized in 1907, taking over New England lines and various independent companies and has outstanding common stock to the value of \$150,875, and preferred of \$116,250. It paid no dividends from 1907 to 1911. In the latter year and in 1912 6 per cent dividends were paid on the preferred and this year two quarterly dividends of 1 1/2 per cent were paid, but the dividend for the third quarter was passed. No dividends have been paid on the common stock.

During 1912 the net income was \$11,163.99 on property valued at \$336,217.87. Attorney Cook, counsel for the state was one of the original complainants against the increasing affairs of the Passumpsic company, which gives added interest to the forthcoming cross-examination.

The hearing adjourned until 2 Tuesday afternoon.

LIND IN MEXICO CITY.

President's Representative Acting on  
Orders to Use Own Judgment.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 7.—John Lind, former governor of Minnesota and the personal representative of President Wilson in this country, arrived here this morning from Vera Cruz. The trip was made without special instructions, Lind simply acting on the general order to use his own judgment in regard to his movements.